

# The Bell Ringer

## OF MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY

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### PLANS FOR SPRING BASEBALL COMPLETE

#### FIRST SUMMER SCHOOL AT M. B. A. INAUGURATED FOR SUMMER TERM

This year, for those boys who fail this year's courses or who wish to make up work in advance, there will be incorporated after graduation a summer school. It will begin on June 11, seven days after graduation, and last to July 20, leaving over a month for vacation. Students will attend six days a week.

The periods will each last an hour, beginning at nine o'clock and lasting anywhere from one to three hours, depending upon the number of subjects a pupil is taking.

If a boy has failed in his work during the regular school year, he may make up as many as three half credits. This means that a boy can make up one semester's work in three subjects.

If a boy wants to make up credits in advance he may make one whole credit. However, in certain cases where the conditions are exceptional a student may be allowed to make up a whole credit and a half.

Classes will be conducted on a semester basis with each class taking up the work of one semester in a regular school year.

Classes will be conducted in English, History, Mathematics, and Languages. Science classes will not be held because insufficient time is available to have the laboratory work which is necessary for a science credit.

The classes will be conducted by regular teachers. Mr. Cornelius will teach English, Mr. Younger will have the History classes, and Mr. Rule will take Mathematics. It is undecided whether or not Mr. Herrbach will handle the languages classes, but if he does not they will be taken over by Mrs. Peery.

#### Debate Team Formed At Montgomery Bell

This year at Montgomery Bell there has been formed a debating team composed of the following boys: Ernest Matthews, Bob Lowe, Billy Edwards, David McQuiddy, and John Grisco. It plans to debate against other schools in Middle Tennessee as a regular school activity.

Although the date hasn't been set yet, in the near future the first debate will be against Sewanee. Composing the affirmative team will be Ernest Matthews and Bob Lowe, with John Grisco as alternate speaker. On the negative will be David McQuiddy and Billy Edwards. M.B.A.'s affirmative will debate against their negative and the negative against their affirmative.

The team is being coached by Mr. Sager and Mrs. Campbell together. So far Mr. Sager has helped the boys alone, but Mrs. Campbell is to help them with their delivery.

#### Question of Shells Is Finally Answered

The question of the month at M.B.A. has been: "What are those shells behind the gym for?" The whole school has been in an uproar about where they came from and what they are to be used for.

The great chemist, Russell Campbell, has made a chemical analysis of them but to no avail.

To answer everyone's questions the shells are not shells. They are merely pointed iron pipes which are going to be mounted in cement around the parking lot.

#### GRADE DEPARTMENT SETS FINE EXAMPLE IN RED CROSS DRIVE

The first and second forms, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Dixon and Miss Thompson, have again proved their ability to come through during the Red Cross Drive. The one hundred and seventy-four dollars collected will be used for a Red Cross lounge for the Berry Field flyers. In addition the grade school made five hundred green hats and ties complete with shamrock insignia and collected over one hundred books for Thayer Hospital.

The first and second forms have set a fine example for the entire school due to the tireless efforts of the teachers and students.

#### Interesting Debate In Literary Society

The debate question, "Should the U. S. Adopt a Civilian Conscription For War?" was undoubtedly one of the liveliest questions brought up this year. The outcome was divided; in the first and second forms the negative won, the negative won also in the third and sixth forms, and the affirmative won in the fourth and fifth.

The best debators were: first and second forms, T. Breakbill; third form, F. Smith; fourth form, T. Dillon; fifth form, George Ruth; sixth form, Nelson Andrews.

The best declaimers were: first and second forms, Bill Blockey; third form, Bill Wade; fourth form, Bill Knox; fifth form, Roy Miles, and sixth form, Billy Ferguson.

#### Special Privileges For Some Students

Mr. Sager gave a boost to the incentive of the high school department last Monday. He announced that any senior with an average of 85 and no class below 80 may spend his study periods anywhere on the campus provided he disturbs no class. He also said that any other high school student with an average of 90 and no class below 80 would also be allowed this same special privilege.

This does not mean, however, that the student with the above requirements may miss the morning devotional, be late to school or classes, or leave school early.

Each two weeks a list will be posted on the bulletin board with the names of those who may make use of this privilege.

#### MBA Holds Annual Basketball Banquet

On Friday, March 7, the annual basketball banquet was held in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Allen served a turkey dinner with the able assistance of Mrs. Sager, and everyone ate heartily. The seniors made short speeches and Pete Robinson, last year's captain, presented Coach Allen with silver candlesticks as a token of the team's gratitude.

Mr. Ball gave a short talk as did Mr. Eugene Harris and Coach Doby Bartling of Vanderbilt. Mr. Sager completed the speech making activities and the boys adjourned to see some pictures that were shown in the lunchroom.

Jack Whiteaker was elected captain for next year's cage combine. The team was presented with silver basketballs which were a gift of Mr. Walter Robinson.

#### Third Meeting Held In Literary Society

The last meeting of the M. B. A. Literary Society meeting, which was held on January 29, was a most interesting one. The debate question, "Should Federal Aid Be Extended to Public Schools," caused much discussion. However, the affirmative seems to have won out in the grade school, Sophomores, and Seniors, but the negative held its own in the Freshman and Junior classes. The best debators were, First and Second form Morris Hackney, Third form Billy Vaughn, Fourth form Kermit Stengel, Fifth form, Houston Thomas, Sixth form Edwin Lewis. There was some argument in the sixth form society as to the number of rebuttals.

However, it was decided that only one member from either side could take part in the rebuttal, instead of the usual way of allowing each member of the team to take part. The best Declaimers were first and second form Don Wade, third form Bobby Brown, fourth form Lillard Templeton, fifth form Jack Whiteaker, sixth form Bob Whitsett.

Comes the Spring and a young man's fancy turns to thought of baseball, but not lightly at M.B.A. The sport focus of the entire school body has quickly shifted from the basketball floor to the baseball diamond. Proof of this is the enthusiastic attendance at the pre-chapel "class" each morning and the multitude that participates in the national pastime at each gym period.

The last baseball team to represent M.B.A. played the 1930 season and emerged as city champion. The 1945 team has high hopes of duplicating the record established for the school fifteen years ago. With Coach Allen at the helm, ably assisted by Mr. Hackman, the M.B.A. nine should be hard to beat. It is interesting to note that Coach Allen, then a student at the academy, guided the 1930 team to the trophy.

While baseball was in eclipse at M.B.A. Coach Allen was one of its shining lights in other orbits. As player-manager he grabbed off the city championship last summer for the Nashville Bridge Company baseball team.

Spring baseball practice is just around the corner. Due to the popularity of this century-old sport there will be practically a unanimous turn-out and keen competition is in the offing for a number of first-string berths. M.B.A. boasts many boys who wield a "wicked willow" but it is generally conceded that Coach Allen and Mr. Hackman can out-slug the best of them.

In looking over the prospects for the coming season the picture seems unusually bright. Some of the most promising performers coming out for the team are Al Whitson, Joe Washington, Jack Whitaker, Buddy Hewitt, Nelson Andrews, Pete Robinson, Harry Lavender and Dan Tate. In spite of the fine array of players on hand only two of the group have had previous experience in baseball. Buddy Hewitt played last year with the Junior League and Jack Whiteaker lays claim to a good bit of sand lot ball.

Interscholastic baseball is comparatively new in Nashville and for that reason the picking of pre-tourney favorites is largely a

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#### Picnic Planned This Spring For Seniors

It is an annual affair at Montgomery Bell in the Spring of each year for the members of the Junior class to treat the Seniors to a picnic. Each year as warm weather rolls around plans are formulated, and this year is no exception.

The Juniors each pay fifty cents to the Seniors with which to buy the food and beverages. However, only the Seniors are allowed to partake. The Junior merely go along for the ride.

The picnic is held at Edwin Warner Park at one of the picnic grounds. It is a regular holiday, everyone leaving school about ten o'clock in the morning. It lasts all day, usually breaking up around six o'clock. Everyone spends his time just eating, lying around, and playing games.

Everyone is looking forward to this year's picnic, and everyone is sure to have a good time. It will always be a pleasure to look back upon, as can be witnessed by Seniors of other years.

#### Mr. John T. Younger, History Teacher for Past Two Years Is Outstanding Member of M. B. A. Faculty

A comparatively new member of our faculty, Mr. John Travis Younger has been with us for only two years. In that short time, however, Mr. Younger has carved himself a permanent niche here at M.B.A. There has sprung up between the boys of the Academy and their History teacher a feeling of good-fellowship which is hard to beat. He is the genuine friend of every boy in the school, and seems to really get a big kick out of knowing the boys.

A native of Carroll County, in West Tennessee, Mr. Younger spent his boyhood there, up until the time he enrolled at Bethel College at McKenzie, Tennessee. Mr. Younger graduated from Bethel, which was only the beginning of his pursuit of higher education.

His next location was at Drury College, located in Springfield, Missouri, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Next, he came to Vanderbilt University, and said he was captivated by Nashville. After completing the work for his Master of Arts degree, this learned young man moved on to the University of Chicago, where he absorbed even more knowledge. At all these colleges, his major course of study

was Sociology, with the exception of his work at Vanderbilt where in connection with his work on his M. A. degree, he also obtained a B. D. degree.

After the completion of his very extensive education, Mr. Younger returned to Missouri, first to the town of Marionville, and then to Aurora, where he taught in high schools. After seven years in Missouri, he returned to Bethel College, his first Alma Mater, where he taught Social Studies for several years. In addition to his duties as a school-teacher in these towns, Mr. Younger also found time to act in the capacity of minister for a local Presbyterian church.

For the past fifteen years, Mr. Younger and his family have resided in Nashville, where he has been minister of the Cleveland Street Presbyterian Church. For many years, his church work took up the major part of his time, but now he somehow has found time to devote a great part of the day to teaching us here at M.B.A.

Well-educated, and well-read on all subjects, Mr. Younger enriches his History lectures with present-day illustrations, and occasionally a very humorous anecdote, drawn from his copious fund.

#### The First Adventure Of The M.B.Ayan

At last Moth Ball Appleseed, the M.B.Ayan, was a stroller. At last he had risen to the highest of heights. He swaggered, he strutted, he stuck out his chest. The mighty moth was a success. No more would he be the scorn of the school, the brunt of sneering remarks. Now the grade schoolers hastened to carry his lunch. They fought over who should buy his ice cream cups; they worshipped the very bricks he trod upon. Yes, the M.B.Ayan was a success; but the M.B.Ayan was lonely.

As he reclined peacefully beneath the bicycle shed the Moth found no comfort in the diligent labors of the shovelers nor the monotonous pattern of the brick layers, for he was alone. He had no one to converse with, to discuss the proper method of laying bricks or handling a shovel. He had not the energy to himself give instruction along these lines. So he just lay there and thought despairingly of the awful horrors of Senior English which had claimed the older lads thus making the

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## BACK YOUR NEWSPAPER

Since the first issue of the newspaper when I asked for the aid of the student body in making the *Bell Ringer* a success, only seven boys have contributed any material whatsoever to the editors. Four of this seven, Edward McManus, John Donnelly, Bobby Brown, and Boots Lewis, have become additional members of the original staff. Edward and John have done excellent jobs in the sports department. In this department, too, as well as in the news department, Bobby Brown has helped greatly. "Boots" with his *Looie's Hangovers* has done a wonderful job in feature work. The other three boys, Bill Wade, Nardy Elam, and Jesse Ford, have also contributed to the success of the paper. To these seven boys we owe a great deal of appreciation. These seven have shown the interest that should be shown by every member of the student body in his school newspaper. These seven have been the only persons in the school, other than the original staff, who have done anything more than read the paper.

Probably most of you have heard the old fable about the hen who wanted to bake some bread. As the fable goes, this hen asked everybody to help her make the bread but nobody seemed to have time to roll dough or handle an oven. So the old hen went ahead and made the dough and baked the bread. However, when it came time to eat the bread, everybody from Brer Fox on down was on hand for the feast.

There seem to be some 200 odd Brer Foxes at M. B. A. who are very willing to read the *Bell Ringer* and only about 25 poor old hens who take the trouble to put it out. A few more hens and a lot less foxes would make a very much better M. B. A. barnyard.

Now as that fable turns out, the hen "lows" that she will eat all the bread herself and not let Brer Fox have any. We have no such intentions in regard to this paper, but we do want to stress the importance and the need of your help. Two hundred and twenty-five hens could bake far better bread than 25, and the 225 hens might find that baking bread is a lot of fun. We can improve this paper to a great degree. With the support of you students, we shall do just that.

## Common Horse Sense

This article, essay, or what have you, may have no business being in an editorial column such as the one in this paper. That I don't know. I do know that it contains a lot of good horse sense that it would do us all well to think about, so here it is:

## He Died Climbing

by Edward McManus

On a small barren plateau on the side of one of the large snow-capped mountains of Switzerland, there lies a lonely grave surrounded by small stones gathered there on the mountain side.

On one of the stones which is placed at the head of the grave, there is carved very roughly these three words: "He died climbing."

He died climbing. What does this mean? It means that he died trying to conquer that mountain, trying to get to the top. He did not succeed. He did not get to the top. But he tried.

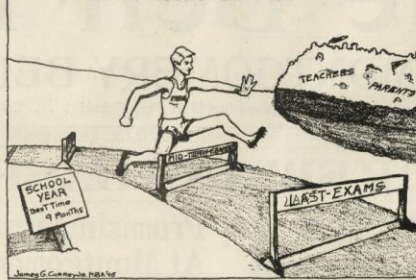
To gain success in the world you must work and strive to get to the top. With this aim as a goal, everyone would try harder to attain for themselves a position in the world.

Why can't we here at Montgomery Bell Academy set this as our goal and try to get to the top? With just a little bit more work and just a little bit more studying, we will better fit ourselves for the long, hard journey to that goal. We might set out to get to the top but never make it. This does not mean failure because if we do our best, it is all that can be expected of us. Our best is always just a little bit better than what we are doing now. When you look at it in this way, you will find that it is much easier to succeed.

Let's climb to the top. Let's get to that goal. Let's make for ourselves a position in the world of which we might be proud.

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## HE TAKES IT IN HIS STRIDE



Jimmy G. Conroy for the B.R.

## Class News

## Grade School

The Microbe basketball tournament is ended. In the first game, Chickie's team beat Patterson's team 16-8. In the second game Chickie's team beat Adam's team 18-10. In the third game Miller's team beat Cargile's 18-10. In the finals, Chickie's team beat Miller's team 27-25. On behalf of all the players I want to thank Coach Allen for scheduling and supervising the games.

What would happen if: Amon Evans didn't play up to the teachers. Houston Horn didn't get time. Bill Daugherty got lockjaw. Allen Cargile could learn to play the piano. Dickey Barnes didn't talk about rabbits.

Somebody would call Mrs. Warren Myrtle. Franklin Jarman didn't get the giggles.

## Freshman Class

The Freshman class has elected officers again. Bill Wade has been chosen president of the class. He is ably assisted by Bobby Brown in the capacity of vice-president. John Ambrose will handle the duties of secretary-treasurer.

Among the better Freshman prospects out for spring football are Bill Wade and Bill Bailey. These boys saw a great deal of service on the Cootie team of last year and are showing up well this spring.

Woods Foster considers himself somewhat of a Great Baseball player after his excellent debut last Wednesday morning.

Jimmy Hester has completed a fine record as manager of the basketball team. He has received a silver basketball for his efforts in this connection.

## Sophomore Class

Billy Carpenter is a walking example that it is possible to survive on a steady diet of chocolate milk and eat a snake.

Fred Miers' knees were seen to shake the other morning in chapel as he rendered his version of a popular declamation.

Since the local bowling alley has closed down for a time many sophomores (formerly pin boys) are out of a job.

Craig Parrish is coming to school now. The reason is to show off his new zoot suit lid. Hugh has been trying to swap for it but without success.

Don't Bob Pat French and Lily Templeton ever tire of talking about girls?

Russel Campbell is reported to be working on a new gas designed to eliminate the odors that drift from the lab.

## Junior Class

It is reported that on foggy days Herbert Fox can't see the end of his nose.

"Flash" McCowan and Billy Burns are actively engaged in interrupting classes to take pictures. Some of the pictures that they have taken are purely accidental and any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is not intended as any slur on the character of any relatives.

Bob Lowe is rapidly becoming famous for his ability to ask questions. He is in a class with Bill Ottenville now.

## Hoots from the Owl's Nest

It seems that everybody around school nowadays has spring fever. The one exception is Mrs. Bitzer, who rattles merrily along, Spring or no Spring. The daily routine is only broken by an occasional industrious soul throwing a baseball; this is proven by the two windows already broken. The only other distraction to the average student with spring fever is Flash McCown, followed by "Gimme-fifty-cents" Barnes.

One of the popular fails of giving stuffed animals to the "little woman" seems to have captured Herbert Fox. He now joins the ranks of Tom "Teddy-bear" Proctor, Brownlee "Honey-bunny" Currey, and Tom "Oh-you-bull-dog" Benough.

Catch Al "The Brick" Whitson's Injun moccasins; the daintiest slippers we've seen in years.

We saw Tommy Goodie, Nick Lanus, Royal McCullough, Owen Hines, Jimmy Hester, and Sonny Templeton shoveling dirt with the worst of them at Coach's time-paying-off job. They leaned on their shovels like seasoned WPA-ers. As yet we haven't seen Bob Lowe out shoveling, but we expect to any day now.

Some of the local demon-drivers have been dusting off Mr. Sager as he ambulates to the Academy in the morning. 'Tis said that 'tis the fault of the more "Evil" Ward-Belmonters.

Joe Talbot has acquired a set of musical horns for his limousine. This high-powered, sleek beauty may be seen purring lustily morning and night.

Ed Nelson's turned up with a sore toe. It seems he kicked a tin can with a brick underneath. He has received dozens of cards of sympathy from the many younger lasses of the locality.

Gipsy wants to know why Clay hasn't written. Ferris has been so emburdened with a very convenient battery trouble that he doesn't seem to have time.

It must be quite hard on Joe Card and Royal McCullough, giving up their endeavors in the social field in favor of spring football.

## Student Personalities in the Jokes

Scruggs: "Mrs. Bitzer says that I'll have to improve my writing."

Parrish: "What's wrong with that?"

Scruggs: "Then she'll find out I can't spell."

Swain and Keeble, who had been arguing for some time: "I ought to know," said Swain. "Don't I go to school, Stupid?" "Yes," replied John Bell, "and you come home the same way."

Smith: "My father gave me ten dollars last night."

Whitson: "Well, now you can pay me that five you owe me."

Smith: "Wait till I tell you the rest of this dream."

Hazelton: "I've got music in my soul. Have you noticed how I'm constantly breaking into song?"

Sam Walker: "Maybe you wouldn't have to break in if you would get the key."

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## And I Quote:

"You mean you'll really show me where you were vaccinated?"

"Sure, we'll be passing the hospital in a minute."

—*Boy's High Tatler.*

Twain in a restaurant that they met.

One Romeo and Juliet.

Twain there he first fell in debt.

For Romeo'd what Juliet.

—*Peabody Volunteer.*

Mr. Younger was giving a lesson on charity. "Hamilton," he said, "If I saw a boy beating a donkey and stopped him, what virtue would I be showing?"

Wallace: "Brotherly love."

Mrs. Warren: "Are you sure that you know the alphabet?"

Inman Fox: "Yes'm."

Mrs. Warren: "What comes after A?"

Inman: "All of them."

Keith: "Hey, you can't take that girl home. She's the reason I came to the dance."

Lewis: "Sorry, you've just lost your reason."

Fergy: "You ought to take chloroform."

John Jay: "Yeah, who teaches it?"

## "MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

by Ernest Matthews

One of the most sports-minded boys at M.B.A. at the present is genial Nardy Elam. The letter below is one which Nardy wrote and he asked me to print it. It concerns the athletic program of Montgomery Bell.

"M.B.A. has one of the best athletic programs of any school in the city of Nashville. In the fall M.B.A. devotes their time strictly to football and their teams are usually on the winning side. M.B.A. always has a basketball team that rates with the best four or five teams in Nashville. This year M.B.A. got to the semi-finals of the Eighth District Tournament and would have probably done better if it weren't for two of our star players being ill all week and weren't fit to play a whole game. Spring always has the boys at M.B.A. busy with spring football, golf, tennis, and this year baseball. Coaches of the teams are Mr. Allen, head coach, and Mr. Hackman, assistant and B team coach, in football. Mr. Rule will coach the tennis team; Mr. Sager the golf team; and again Mr. Allen and Mr. Hackman baseball. M.B.A. has a wonderful program all year, as you can see, but one sport is still missing—track. M.B.A. could put out a wonderful track team with such runners as Andrews, Bailey, Whitson, and Matthews; such strong armed men as Lackey, Card, and Atkinson, who could all throw the shot put, discus, and javelin; such boys as Denny, McCollough, Andrews, Whitson, and Bailey for high jumping, and boys like Robinson and Whiteaker for the pole vaulting. I am sure that all the boys interested would help the school make a success of it. How about it everybody?"

The golf team is expected to start practice as soon as the weather permits. Back from last year's "tee-team" are Charley Robinson, Buddy Hewitt, and Edward McManus.

**ELIGIBILITY:**  
A number of boys who could be outstanding athletes at M.B.A. are ineligible because they are failing their work in school. Fellows, the school's athletic program depends on YOU, so let's try to bring up those grades.

The materials for our new tennis courts are on the way and for the past few days Mr. Sager has been letting the boys pay off time by working on the courts. Some boys who have no time are working in order that the time which they receive in the future will be canceled. One hour can be paid off by working one period.

Mr. Hackman, our amiable science teacher, who will coach baseball this year, is no newcomer to the diamond contest. He played baseball in prep school, college, and also semipro ball for about fifteen years. He was a versatile ball player, playing shortstop, second base, third base, and pitcher.

Coach Hackman started his diamond career at Tupelo Military Institution in Mississippi. At T.M.I. he played ball and roomed with Guy Bush, the great ex-pitcher of the Chicago Cubs. From prep school he ventured to college and played for Georgetown and Tennessee State Teachers College at Murfreesboro.

When his college days were over, Mr. Hackman played semipro ball. He played for Thompsonville, Ky.; Glasgow, Ky.; Bowling Green, Ky.; Madisonville, Ky.; Camden, Tenn.; Columbia, Tenn.; Pulaski, Tenn.; and with the Model Laundry here in Nashville. On the Model Laundry team he played with Bowser Chest, Bull Brown, Bill Schwartz, Johnny Eskew and many others who are still connected with sports.

**ODD EVENT:**  
Mr. Hackman's first meeting with Coach Allen proved to be very embarrassing (for Mr. Hackman). They were playing against each other at Camden while Coach Hackman pitching for the home team and Coach playing for Huntington.

# SPORTS

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## MBA Drops Finals To Ryan and North

Pos.—Ryan (45) M.B.A. (33)  
P.—Berry (9) Andrews (4)  
P.—Hagey (14) Whiteaker (4)  
C.—Gunselman (5) Robinson (11)  
G.—Dorch (2) Ferguson (4)  
G.—Hanson (11) Hewitt (14)  
Subs: Ryan—Hoffstetter (4)  
Pos.—North (31) M.B.A. (28)  
P.—Casey (8) Andrews (11)  
P.—Chapman (9) Whiteaker (4)  
C.—Partain Robinson (10)  
G.—Vaughn (9) Ferguson (3)  
G.—Nipper (3) Hewitt (14)  
Subs: North—Haynie (2).

**RYAN VS. M.B.A.**  
The Father Ryan five halted the M.B.A. six game winning streak with their 45-33 victory which placed the Maroons in a tie position for second place in the eighth district along with Peabody, West, and David Lipscomb.

Our big red express after two hard won victories over Hillsboro and West was in no shape to overthrow the Ryan combine.

Missing numerous shots, the Maroons made only four field goals in the first three quarters. At the end of the first quarter, Ryan led 13-6. Aided by Jimmy Hagey and Red Gunselman, the Panthers were out in front six points as the whistle sounded the half. They continued their point making spree in the third canto having a decisive 32-18 lead at the close of this period.

Hagey headed the Ryan five with 14 points and Hewitt with a like number led the M.B.A. combine.

**NORTH VS. M.B.A.**  
North's 31-28 victory over our Maroon quint brought them at least a seven point headway. "Pete" Robinson led our M.B.A. boys in the last two minutes of the game until North's Vaughn in the closing seconds scored two of the winning three points.

Chapman and Vaughn led the Orangemen with 9 points each while Andrews and Robinson took top places on the M.B.A. squad with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Baseball infield practice has started for some of the boys. Coaches Allen and Hackman have been getting some of the interested baseballers in shape after school each day.

The materials for the courts have arrived and are at present in the gym. Work is slated to start immediately after the surveying is completed.

There has been some discussion as to the shortness of right field on the baseball diamond. A hit to this field may be decided a two bagger but as yet no definite ground rules have been laid.

It has definitely been decided to erect steel stands around the football field as soon as possible. Improvements for the gym will begin soon also.

The score was tied and Coach Allen was at bat. The visiting team had a man on base. Mr. Hackman threw a fast ball at Coach and he ducked. The ball hit his bat and went into right field for a base hit and it scored the winning run for Huntington.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT AGAIN**  
During the football and basketball seasons, the spirit of the school wasn't up to par. There are only 2½ more months of school, fellows, and these will be warm and pretty (we hope); so let's get behind that baseball team and really lend our support.

## Two From MBA Squad Chosen On All-City

In the recent selection of the all Nashville cage quintet M.B.A. was represented by a spot on the first and second teams. Pete Robinson was chosen all-city center this year due to his exceptional floor work, defensive play, and high scoring ability. Pete showed a vast superiority over every opposing center he faced although many exceeded him in height by some several inches.

He was second highest scorer in the league and holds an eleven year record here at M.B.A. for most points in a single game and in a season.

Billy Ferguson, because of his excellent floor work and ball handling ability, was chosen for the second successive year on the second team all-Nashville five. Billy made up for his small stature in numerous set shots and by agility on the floor.

Both Pete and Perry were members of last year's team.

## Cooties Victorious Over Howard B Team

In the recent tournament the Cooties gave a good account of themselves in the triumph over Howard's "B" team only to be edged from said tourney in a toss-up fracas with the West court-men. There was a thrill a minute for the spectators in the latter game as they watched the closely guarded Cooties being outscored by the West team's fine accuracy.

Murdock was the highest scorer in both tilts with Martin as runner up. During the whole season the team displayed fine playing and sportsmanship.

## Summary of Season

The 1945 Basketball season is gone but the many memories of the season still linger in our minds. Looking over the records we find that the cage quint won a total of 16 games while dropping 6 for a percentage of .727. This record is very good in the consideration that the team played undoubtedly a harder schedule than any other team in the league.

Of the six games that the team lost, four were by very close scores. Of the 16 won 6 were close contests. The team was under a great deal of pressure most of the season by virtue of their difficult schedule.

The long short duo of Pete Robinson and Billy Ferguson were chosen on the all-Nashville combine furnished most of the scoring punch of the team. These two really blistered the hoops in every game.

The Maroons proved their might on the home floor losing only one settee here and this a close affair to North. North too was the only team in the circuit that successfully repelled the M.B.A. quint in more than one game.

The Maroon gang got off to a poor start losing their first game to Peabody but gained momentum as the holiday season was left behind. They rolled over Howard, Hume Fogg, Hillsboro, East, Ryan, Central, and Lipscomb before finally falling to the potent Blue Jays of West High. After conquering Hume Fogg in the return contest the Maroons again fell by the way, this time in an upset defeat at the hands of Howard. The North Yanks repeated this act a week later after the home team had routed Central.

Winding up the season with a terrific schedule the Big Red waded to Peabody, Hillsboro, East, West, Springfield, and Hillsboro before dropping the season's finals to Ryan and North. The West victory marked the first cage triumph that the Harding Road lads have garnered at the expense of West High School. The Hillsboro contest was the most thrilling of the year as the Maroons pulled an overtime win from their close rivals.

The Springfield rout was, like West, the first triumph in a cage contest from this school.

## M.B.A. Bows To West In City Tourney After Howard Win

### Spring Practice At MBA Recently Begun

M.B.A. recently began spring practice and with the present cold weather it is a reminder of the football this past fall. Coach Allen expects 34 boys to turn out and from the looks of things M.B.A. should have another "Big Red Express" that can function as good as the past one did.

Coach is relying mainly on the boys from last year's team and the cooties. From last year's team there are Jimmy Atkinson at full-back, ends Jack Whitaker, Eddie Purks, and Vaden Lackey, tackles Nard Elam and Joe Ward, guards Joe Washington and Billy Rhodes, and Hardy Lavendar at the blocking back post.

Coming up from last year's undefeated cooties are George Cole, Roy Miles, Moulton Farrar, Bob Ezell, Tommy McEwen, Tommy Goodloe, Jesse Ford, Holly Murdock, and a number of others who should add a great deal to the team.

## Wade's Team Victors In Cage Intramurals

Bill Wade's smooth-working combine punched out a hard-won 22-19 victory over Bob Pat French's team in the finals of the Sophomore-Freshman intramural basketball tournament.

In the first stanza guards French and John Griscorn gave French's team a one-point edge and in the second chapter they increased their lead, ending the half: French 14, Wade 11.

During the third quarter Wade aggregation played brilliant defensive ball and forged ahead by virtue of the sharp-shooting of Wade, Hooker and Bearden. As the curtain rose on the final frame Wade's team kept up the terrific pace as the slowly-ebbing French team made a gallant effort to save the game, but it was too late to turn the tide.

Captain Wade was high-point man for his team with 8 markers, followed by John Hooker with seven. Griscorn and French shared scoring honors for the French combine with six counters each.  
Pos.—Wade (22) French (19)  
F.—Wade (8) Templeton (1)  
F.—Bearden, R. (4) Gates (2)  
F.—Hooker (7) Keith (2)  
G.—Hester (3) French (6)  
G.—Walker Griscorn (6)  
Subs: Wade—Perkins. French—McQuiddy (2).

## PROMISING PROSPECT

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guessing game. Duncan is the only local school that has placed much emphasis on baseball in recent years. This of course gives them a distinct advantage in experience and training.

Let us hope that the entire student body, faculty members, patrons and friends of the school will attend the games and back up the BIG RED team to the utmost.

The schedule will be found on the sports page.

The complete schedule, which includes 12 games ranging from April 13 to May 25 follows. Any additional games or changes will be printed in future issues of the Bell Ringer.

APRIL—		
Friday 13	Litton	
Tuesday 17	Dupont	
Friday 20	Duncan	
Tuesday 24	Ryan	
MAY—		
Tuesday 1	DuPont	
Friday 4	Duncan	
Tuesday 8	Peabody	
Friday 11	Ryan	
Tuesday 15	Central	
Friday 18	Litton	
Tuesday 22	Peabody	
Friday 25	Central	

Having split the season games with West, M.B.A. met West in the semi-finals of the district tournament and lost a hard fought match.

At the outset of the tussle the Maroons went ahead 6 to 2 with Billy Ferguson paving the way; things looked as though M.B.A. was going to topple the defending champs. But in the second quarter the tide began to ebb and the Maroons seemed to be losing the pep which they showed in the beginning. By half-time West had come from behind and possessed an eight-point lead.

In the third quarter the Blue Jays got hot and increased their lead to twelve points with Billy Joe Adeock and Harold Wilt accounting for most of the points.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter the Maroons began to show sign of a probable comeback but this didn't go very far on account of a few bad passes which were due to the tiredness of the players, so the last quarter was about even with the final score 32 to 47 in favor of West.

The formidable M.B.A. Maroons leaped a tough obstacle in the Eighth District Tournament by virtue of a clear-cut victory over the Howard Rebels by the score of 27-22. These very same Rebels had crushed a highly touted Peabody combine the night before and things were looking none too bright for the Maroons.

M.B.A. quickly dispersed all thoughts of an upset as Whiteaker and Ferguson put the Maroons ahead 10-6 at the end of the first forty.

In the second session a terrific defensive battle was waged and both teams garnered only four points. Halftime score: M.B.A. 14, Howard 10.

Howard came back strongly in the third frame and they deadlocked the figures at 17-all. Charley Robinson registered two points on a follow-up shot and the Maroons hung on tenaciously to their slim lead as the quarter ended. In the last chapter Howard tried desperately to overcome the Maroon margin but the Big Red could not be denied and they emerged with a blaze of glory to end the contest.

Neither team was up to par, especially the Red and White tribe. Whiteaker and Ferguson thrived, 7 and 8 respectively. But Ferguson's duties didn't end there for he held the high scoring Howard ace, Elvin Sherrill, to eight markers, which was tops for the South Nashville aggregation.

Pos.—M.B.A. (27) Howard (22)  
F.—Andrews (4) Sherrill (8)  
F.—Whiteaker (7) Tankersley (2)  
C.—Robinson (5) Sykes (3)  
G.—Ferguson (8) Payne (4)  
G.—Hewitt (3) Ray

Subs: Howard—Boaz (5).

## Soccer Considered

A soccer team with Fess Herrbach at the helm is under consideration for any interested boys at M.B.A. This rough and tumble sport has lost a great deal of its glamour in the later years but there are still many boys interested in the sport. It is a fine running game not unlike football and suitable for Spring weather conditions.

The golf team will probably use McCabe Golf Course to have the tryouts.

M. B. A.	
M. B. A.	
Centennial	
M. B. A.	
DuPont	
M. B. A.	
Centennial	
Central	
Litton	
Centennial	
M. B. A.	



### Personality of Month

Robert T. Doster, better known as Bob, or just plain Dody, is this month's personality. Dody is in his second year at M.B.A., having come to the Academy from Hillsboro in his Junior year.

Scholastically, Bob is among the foremost of the school. A member of the Senior Honor Society, he also holds the office of Treasurer in that select group. He is greatly proficient in Science and Math, his only weak point being English. This is only in poetry, however, his dexterity being ably displayed by his handling the news articles of this paper.

Athletically, Dody is adept at almost any sport. He was the hard luck player of the '44 squad, being out most of the year with a broken shoulder and then a badly sprained ankle. Perhaps the best thing that could be said of his football playing was that he never stopped trying.

To be a surgeon, and a good one, is Bob's ambition. He plans to go to the Vanderbilt Medical school this fall.

Dody's favorite comic character is not Bugs Bunny but Batman. His favorite subject is Physics. His worst subject is Senior English. His favorite food is steak. His pastime: Squeaky. His favorite expression is "I ain't got none."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Doster have just reason to be proud of Bob Jr. who has certainly made a name for himself at M.B.A.

### Orations Given By Speaking Classes

As a requirement of the public-speaking class in order to receive a credit each member, at one time or another, must give a declamation before the entire student body. Last Friday, and again this week, ten of the members delivered their orations for this year. Those speaking last Friday were:

Bill Wade—"Battles of Peace"  
Bobby Brown—"Holy Grail"  
Fred Meiers—"My Country 'Tis of Thee"  
Billy Edwards—"Soul of France"

Adjudged as the best speaker was Billy Edwards, while Bobby Brown was runner-up.

Those members to speak this week are: Bobby Zanone, Bobby Mathews, Bob Lowe, Ridley Derryberry, and Sam Walker.

The speakers judged as best shall be permitted to speak against certain other boys, already selected by Mr. Sager, for the coveted declaimer's medal at the end of the school year.

The public-speaking class is under the direction of Mrs. Campbell, who also sponsors the literary societies of the various classes.

Any boys who wish to purchase baseball shoes will find that the supply is limited. A similar shortage is holding true on gloves and balls. Due to the war, equipment of this kind is made only for the armed forces.

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### JOKES

Chemistry teacher: "What is the formula for water?"  
Student: "H<sub>2</sub>O."  
Teacher: "And what is the formula for sea water?"  
Student: "CH<sub>2</sub>O."

A man stopped to talk to a little girl who was making mud pies on the sidewalk.  
"My, my," he exclaimed, "you're pretty dirty, aren't you?"  
"Yes," she answered, "but I'm prettier clean."

Note from teacher on Betty's report card: "Good worker, but talks too much."

Note from father, over signature on back of card: "Come up sometime and meet her mother."

A patient recovering from pneumonia, asked repeatedly for food. Finally the nurse served him a mere spoonful of rice.

A few minutes later he called the nurse and said: "Now I want to read a little. Bring me a postage stamp."

Student: "This math is a cinch for me. I finished these problems in ten minutes and thought nothing of it."  
Teacher: "After looking them over, I don't think much of it either."

"Why do you think his book is a success?"

"Because people who haven't read it are beginning to say they have."

### THE FIRST ADVENTURE OF THE M.B.AYAN

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senior strollers nil. He thought too of the Chemistry and Math which had torn the ranks of the Juniors asunder. "The sophomores and Freshmen were just too dumb anyway," he concluded miserably.

The Moth thought of the pleasant diversions of third period study hall, of the peppy gossip and frequent interruptions by Fess Herrbach to give time, and he longed to be there. He longed to read marbles down the aisle and to plead with the Fess to get a drink of water, and to read Goldbrick's funny books.

But no, the fate of a stroller was his. He could only sigh wistfully in the remembrance. But then the light dawned! The M.B.Ayan's face lit up. With a furtive glance both to right and left the Moth mounted the shed. He crept stealthily to the edge and peered into the study hall. The moment was come. Fess was busy retrieving his grade books from the piano. The M.B.Ayan quickly clambered through the window and in the twinkling of an eye had found a seat. But not fast enough for in the next instant Fess Herrbach's voice shrieked out with a "for you there iss time!"

"But Fess" the Moth began and the battle was on; the M.B.Ayan was in his true glow.

Any old athletic equipment may be disposed of at the coming White Elephant Sale.

All baseball games will be played in the afternoons.

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### Louie's Hangovers

Well, spring is almost here. Ah Spring! The time when the boys begin to think what the girls have been thinking all winter.

At last work has been resumed on the brick walks.

Watch your step when you meander about the campus. Everyone nowadays is playing catch.

Tom (Hamburger) Benagh is the bully of the town.

Guest poem:  
Watermelons don't really water,  
They wouldn't water if they could,  
Cuttlefish don't really cuddle,  
And Goodloe's really not good.

—Jesse Ford.

What the devil are the shell casings for? Somebody told me that they were to line the driveway, but that's too fantastic.

Proverb of the week:  
You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to sit on.

Poem of the week:  
Willie was a chemist,  
But a chemist he is no mo  
For what he thought was H<sub>2</sub>O  
Was H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

Joke of the week:  
Robinson to Baily: Her neck's dirty.  
Baily to Robinson: Her does?

Everybody bring your marbles to school tomorrow. Marble season officially opens then.

Everybody has spring fever around here including me so don't forget to eat your vitamin pills twice daily.

—Louie.

Doctor: "I don't like to mention it, but that chicken gave me came back."

Patient: "Well, that certainly is funny; so did my lumbago."

Medical officer, after examining a mountaineer volunteering for service: "Sorry, we can't take you. You have flat feet, and they couldn't take it. You wouldn't be able to walk five miles with those feet."

Mountaineer: "That's too bad, 'cause I just walked 115 miles to get here, and I shore do hate to walk back again."

Selectee: "They can't make me fight."

Draft Board Officer: "Maybe not, but they can take you where the fighting is and you can use your own judgment."

Mrs. Biter was checking exam papers and discovered one on which was sketched a large tombstone bearing this inscription: "Sacred to the memory that always deserts me on occasions like this."

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## With Our Alumni

by Bob Lowe, Jr.

Last week might well be called V12 week since many of these boys were home. Bill McCabe is here after graduation from V12 at Georgia Tech. He is en route to Midshipman School at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

B. K. Hibbitt, down from Louisville, finishes V 12 in June and then expects to enter Med School somewhere—Here is hoping Vanderbilt will have him on the list.

MacIn Davis was given a warm welcome by homefolks last week. MacIn will enter Midshipman School after he completes another term at the University of North Carolina.

John Barton, from Georgia Tech, brought home with him his roommate, Ed Schroder, of Wisconsin, to get a further taste of the Old South.

Elmer Davies was, also, home last week but his friends didn't see a great deal of him for he spent much of his time at the hospital with his brother Ed who is now minus an appendix.

Jimmy Manier, also in V12, is stationed at Southern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La. He is deep in the study of inorganic chemistry, making preparation for med school next year.

Charlie McCabe, U. S. Army, is stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah. When he has a few hours off from his arduous duties he is availing himself of the chance to see the sights in that section of the West. —He is fortunate to have his car with him.

The report comes that Jack Gibson is exceedingly busy in the Naval Air Corps in the Pacific Area. Billie Wemyss, now in France, writes that the snow is waist deep in certain sections.

Mackie Whiteman, a paratrooper, has recently sailed for overseas duties.

Bobby Warner was one of three boys chosen from his outfit, to study for a year the Japanese language at the University of Pennsylvania. Bobby is another of our alumni of whom we have a right to be most proud.

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Sidney McAllister was home last week-end. He expects to see foreign soil before the month of April is past.

Alfred Adams has been playing with the Phi Delta Thetas intramural basketball team but he had to take time out this week to go up to Fort Knox to get another check-up for his West Point appointment.

Matt Dobson, Ensign, U. S. Navy, is with an amphibious group waiting to sail soon for foreign duty.

Bill Oliver, Lt. (j.g.) is now stationed in Washington, D. C., at the Naval Medical Center and his brother, Oren Oliver, a First Class Petty Officer, is at Norfolk, Va., in an Aviation Metalsmith School.

Lee Campbell is home after having served Uncle Sam well. He was in three invasions and wounded as many times. Last week M.B.A. was mighty glad to welcome a visit from Lee and we hope he will come often to see us.

Bobby Chilton, in the V12 at the University of North Carolina, has not been getting home very often these days, but he was fortunate last week to have a visit from his Mother and Barbara Haggard.

Jim and John Butterfield hope soon to be able to wave at each other, as well as their brother Mac, when their paths cross in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Jim is in charge of Gunnery on a U. S. ship. Recently he has seen service in the Solomons. John is with the Amphibious Forces on a U. S. Destroyer Escort. Here's hoping not only will the three Butterfield brothers have the opportunity of waving at each other but a chance for a real honest-to-goodness handshake with a visit thrown in.

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